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SUBJ: LIBYAN BOYCOTT OF VESSELS CALZ FG AT EGYPTIAN PORTS

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1. AS BEST WE CAN DETERMINE, NO PRINTED INSTRUCTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF LIBYAN BOYCOTT OF VESSELS CALLING AT EGYPTIAN PORTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED. WHILE SOME CLARIFYING PARAGRAPH OR LETTER MAY EVENTUALLY BE ISSUED, WE DOUBT THAT ANYTHING QUALIFYING AS DETAILED REGULATIONS WILL BE PREPARED.

2. EMBOFF CALLED ON AWAD BURWIN, FOREIGN SECRETARIAT DIRECTOR OF SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND ACTING DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS, JANUARY 3 TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION ON BOYCOTT. HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY CLARIFYING INSTRUCTIONS HAVING BEEN ISSUED, WAS OF OPINION THAT BOYCOTT, I.E., QUOTE PROHIBITION OF FOREIGN VESSLES MOORING IN EGYPTIAN PORTS OR CARRYING GOODS FROM OR TO EGYPT FROM TRANSIT,
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ENTRY OR MOORING IN THE LIBYAN TERRITORIAL WATERS OR LIBYAN PORTS UNQUOTE, IS IN EFFECT. IT WAS ALSO HIS OPINION THAT BOYCOTT WOULD APPLY TO VESSELS WHICH HAD CALLED AT EGYPTIAN PORT ON VOYAGE OTHER THAN ONE IN WHICH THEY SEEK TO CALL AT LIBYAN PORT. IMPLICITLY CONCEDED THAT HE WAS NOT REALLY SEIZED WITH THE ISSUE, BURWIN SAID HE WOULD SEEK MORE SOLID INFORMA-

TION AND BE IN TOUCH WITH US. HE ALSO SUGGESTED
FURTHER OFFICES TO CONTACT, WHICH WE WILL TRY TO DO.

3. ANOTHER FOREIGN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL HAS TOLD
BRITISH EMBASSY THAT TRANSIT OF SUEZ CANAL DOES NOT
REPEAT NOT INVOKE LIBYAN BOYCOTT, AN INTERPRETATION
WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH BOYCOTT LANGUAGE QUOTED
PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE.

4. RE QUESTION IN PARAGRAPH TWO REFTTEL, EMBASSY
CONTINUES TO BELIEVE BOYCOTT IS IN EFFECT. PENDING
FURTHER CLARIFICATION, BELIEVE SHIPPERS MUST ALSO
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POSSIBILITY THAT CALL AT EGYPTIAN
PORT ANY TIME FROM NOW MAY MAKE A VESSEL INELIGIBLE
FOR FUTURE PASSAGE THROUGH LIBYAN WATERS AND STOP
AT LIBYAN PORTS, ASSUMING THAT BOYCOTT IS NOT SOON
WASHED AWAY IN ANOTHER REVERSAL OF LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN
POLITICAL RELATIONS.
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